

TESTIMONY TO THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Senator Doyle, Representative Walker, members of the Human Services Sub-Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. My Name is Paul M. Rosin and I am the Executive Director of Community Residences Inc. a not-for-profit multi-service provider of day, residential, and family support to children and adults with special needs. I am also a member of the Public Policy Council of the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits (CT Nonprofits.)

I am here today to testify regarding:

S. B. No. 219: AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACT REDUCTIONS

S. B. No. 316: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

H. B. No. 5356: AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS.

H.B. 5430: AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM OUT OF STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES TO THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOMES IN THE STATE

In its efforts to provide high quality human services to citizens of our State in an efficient and cost effective manner, the Connecticut Legislature since the 1980s has made a conscious decision to partner with not-for-profit human services agencies to be their provider of choice. This has led to a triple win situation:

- Adults and children with needs for housing, rehabilitation, job training, family preservation, out of home care, literacy, and hundreds of other basic human needs receive the supports they require in every town and city in Connecticut.
- Not-for-Profit Agencies have the opportunity and all or a portion of the funding necessary to provide the services to their constituents and operationalize their mission.
- The State and its tax payers are ensured that the highest quality human services are being provided in the most cost efficient manner.

The four bills that I am here today to testify on have a common purpose which is to ensure that not-for-profit agencies from an administrative and fiscal perspective are provided with adequate resources, maximum consistency between contracting State Agencies, and flexibility during these times of budget freezes and rescissions.